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SUBJECT: SEALING OF MEAT LOCKERS

REFS: (A) WELLINGTON 768 (DTG 030400Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)
(B) STATE 65692 (DTG 180232Z MAR 76) (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED REF A REGARDING
SOURCES AND STORAGE OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DESTINED FOR
U.S. NAVY USE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

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A) NAVY DOES MAINTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOURCE OF MEAT
AND MEAT PRODUCTS LOADED ON WARSHIPS. IN CONTINENTAL U.S.
PORTS, PROCUREMENT IS MADE ONLY THROUGH THE NAVY SUPPLY
SYSTEM. WHEN OPERATING OUTSIDE OF CONTINENTAL U.S., MEAT
AND MEAT PRODUCTS NORMALLY ARE DISTRIBUTED FROM U.S.
SOURCES THROUGH MOBILE LOGISTICS SUPPORT FORCE RESUPPLY
SHIPS. MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS OF FOREIGN ORIGIN MAY BE

PURCHASED ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY AND THEN ONLY FROM APPROVED SOURCES ESTABLISHED BY THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE VETERINARY SERVICES OR THE NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE AND MUST BE INSPECTED BY THE SENIOR MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO PURCHASE. QUANTITY OF MEAT PROCURED IN THIS MANNER IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO ALLEVIATE THE EMERGENCY.

B) ALL MEAT PURCHASED IN THE U.S. IS PURCHASED FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES. U.S. AGENTS ARE ATTACHED TO EACH OF THESE SOURCES AND ALL MEATS ARE INSPECTED AND APPROVED BY THESE AGENTS PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE BY AND DELIVERY TO THE NAVY. ONCE MEAT IS INSPECTED AND APPROVED AT THE SOURCE IT IS STORED SEPARATELY FROM NON-APPROVED MEAT. MEAT PURCHASED FROM ANY FOREIGN SOURCE IS REQUIRED TO BE STORED SEPARATELY FROM U.S. ORIGIN MEAT. MEAT FROM NON-APPROVED SOURCES IS NOT PROCURED FOR U.S. NAVY USE.

2. FYI. REGARDING THE SCOPE OF THE ISSUE, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. WILL DENY ACCESS FOR INSPECTIONS ON ALL VESSELS ENTITLED TO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY PURSUANT TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. THIS INCLUDES, FOR EXAMPLE, NAVAL VESSELS, INCLUDING USNS VESSELS, AND COAST GUARD VESSELS.

A) USNS VESSELS PROCURE THE BULK OF THEIR MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM THE NAVY SUPPLY SYSTEM. HOWEVER, IF THE SITUATION DICTATES, USNS VESSELS ARE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE UP TO 15 PER CENT OF THEIR MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT APPROVED SOURCES.

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B) THE COAST GUARD PROCURES ITS MEAT THROUGH THE NAVY SUPPLY SYSTEM IN CONTINENTAL U.S. PORTS. WHEN OPERATING OUTSIDE OF CONTINENTAL U.S., COAST GUARD VESSELS MAY PROCURE MEAT THROUGH THE MOBILE LOGISTICS SUPPORT FORCE RESUPPLY SHIPS, IF NECESSARY. IN AN EMERGENCY, THE COAST GUARD MAY PROCURE MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE SAME MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME RESTRICTIONS AS WARSHIPS. END FYI.

3. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN REFERENCE (B), THE U.S. WOULD AGREE TO HAVE COMMANDING OFFICERS AND MASTERS CERTIFY THAT NO PROHIBITED MEAT WILL BE UTILIZED IN VIOLATION OF LOCAL LAW.

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